



# CITY OF EVANSVILLE

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
JONATHAN WEINZAPFEL

February 26, 2010

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar  
United States Senate  
306 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lugar:

I write to you today to request \$2,640,000 for the Metropolitan Evansville Transit System (METS) to purchase six (6) 30-foot hybrid buses. The City is prepared to adhere to the 80/20 match required for bus and bus facilities funding.


As you may know, METS currently operates a fleet of 30 buses, five (5) of which are hybrids. The current utilization of hybrid buses has provided a tremendous savings in fuel and repair costs. Our current hybrids save 2,000 gallons of fuel per bus and, when combined with a reduction in repairs costs, save the City of Evansville approximately \$60,000 per year.

While I am fully aware of the budget constraints faced at all levels of government during these economic times, I believe that investments like this make the most economic sense. This project saves the City and its residents money, protects the environment, reduces our dependence on foreign oil, and supports American manufacturing.

With your continued support, it is my hope that Evansville can continue to be a leader in the use of economically- and environmentally-friendly public transportation.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (812) 436-4962.

Sincerely,

  
Jonathan Weinzapfel  
Mayor